

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTIES OF ARANSAS §
SAN PATRICIO AND NUECES §
CITY OF ARANSAS PASS §

On this the 3rd day of December, 2007 the City Council of the City of Aransas Pass convened in a Regular Council Meeting being open to the Public at the regular meeting place thereof in the City Hall and notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject hereof having been posted and prescribed by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code with the following attendance to wit constituting a quorum.

PRESENT: Tommy Knight, Mayor
Jay Attaway, Mayor Pro Tempore
Vickie Abrego, Council Member
Karen Mayer, Council Member
Frank Hametner, Council Member

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATIVE
PERSONNEL PRESENT: Tom Ginter, City Manager
Allen Lawrence, City Attorney
Ada Owens, City Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE
PERSONNEL ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Don Brummett, Acting Public Works Director
Darrel Jones, Police Chief
Frank Truitt, City Inspector
Gilbert Ritz, Fire Chief

OTHERS PRESENT: Ralph & Lu Arcemont, Randall Freeze, Ann Melton, Olivia & Ernie
Torres, David Hogue, Rosemary Vega, Andrea See

There may have been others present who did not sign in.

ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on December 3, 2007.

ITEM 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG.

Council Member Abrego gave the invocation. Mayor Knight led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

ITEM 3. CONSENT AGENDA: *“All of the following items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember so requests. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.”*

A. Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2007.

Council Member Hametner made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Mayer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION BY VERIZON WIRELESS PERTAINING TO 911 EQUIPMENT.

Police Chief Darrell Jones stated the current 911 system would not be serviced after March 4, 2008. He stated the current telephone/radio recording Dictaphone system did not work and was outdated. He stated the upgraded replacement of the systems would cost approximately \$100,000.00 and would be paid from the 911 funds which had a current balance of \$330,000.00.

Verizon representatives Tory Anderson (Texas E-911) and John Schoppenhorst (Sales Engineer III) reiterated the condition of the Police Department’s outdate systems and stated Verizon would be submitting a bid.

ITEM 5. CONSIDER AND ACT ON AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR 911 AND RECORDING SYSTEM EQUIPMENT.

Mayor Pro Tempore Attaway made the motion to authorize staff to solicit bids for 911 and recording system equipment. Council Member Hametner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 6. **PRESENTATION BY POLICE CHIEF DARRELL JONES.**

The Police Chief stated two new officers were hired and Sergeant Mark Lemmons was promoted to the Criminal Investigations Division (CID). He stated once the Patrol Division was at full capacity an additional detective would be added to CID so two detectives could work the night shift and two detectives work the day shift. He stated the Department was short one dispatcher and an additional dispatcher, that could not be added at budget time, could now be added because the Investigation Secretary position had been eliminated.

ITEM 7. **CONSIDER AND ACT ON AWARDING BID FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CIVIC CENTER.**

Mr. Richard Head, President of Aransas Pass Municipal Development District (APMDD) spoke on the APMDD Board's decision of recommending Teal Construction for the Civic Center project. He stated Teal Construction was the best company who just happened to have the lowest bid. He stated the Board would try to negotiate an even better price after looking at the specifications and consulting with Teal Construction.

Council Member Hametner made the motion to award the bid for the construction of the Civic Center to Teal Construction subject to negotiations between APMDD and Teal Construction which may or may not lower the cost of construction. Mayor Pro Tempore Attaway seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 8. **CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ROY AND JOYCE SIMMS' PROPERTY, BLK. 287, LOTS 23, 24 AND 26, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, ARANSAS PASS, TEXAS.**

Mr. Harlan Roberts, Vice President of APMDD spoke on the importance of purchasing the properties facing N. 7th Street for parking space.

After discussion, Mayor Pro Tempore Attaway made the motion to approve the purchase of Roy and Joyce Simms' property Block 287, Lots 23, 24, and 26, San Patricio County, Aransas Pass, Texas. Council Member Hametner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 9. **CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF THOMAS WEED'S PROPERTY, BLK 287, LOTS 29 AND 30, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, ARANSAS PASS, TEXAS.**

After discussion, Mayor Pro Tempore Attaway made the motion to approve the purchase of Thomas Weed's property Block 287, Lots 29 and 30, San Patricio County, Aransas Pass, Texas. Council Member Abrego seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 10. **CONSIDER AND ACT ON ACCEPTING THE ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY FOR THE CITY OF ARANSAS PASS.**

The City Manager stated the new Animal Control Facility was ready to be accepted by the Council.

Council Member Hametner made the motion to accept the Animal Control Facility for the City of Aransas Pass. Council Member Abrego seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 11. **CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVING ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE SAN PATRICIO APPRAISAL DISTRICT.**

The City Manager stated Mr. Doil Kellar had been the City's representative for many years, but the Council could choose from the candidates and vote part or all of the City's 146 votes as they choose.

Council Member Hametner stated in the past, the City had coordinated with Ingleside Independent School District to use any of their left over votes toward the City's choice of candidate.

After discussion, Council Member Hametner made the motion to give Mr. Doil Kellar the City's 146 votes and any votes contributed to the City by the Ingleside ISD. Council Member Abrego seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 12. REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER AND STAFF AND PUBLIC COMMENTS: *At this time the Mayor, City Council, Staff and Public comments may be given. Reports or updates on any assignments which include but are not limited to grants, building and development, budgets, financial reports and any other projects may be given. No formal action can be taken on any of these items at this time. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes each.*

There were no reports or comments.

ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.

Council Member Mayer made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tempore Attaway seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knight adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Tommy Knight, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ada Owens, City Secretary